

Kennewick Public Hospital District

5:00 PM

Public Hearing: Property Tax Levy

Public Hearing: Budget

Regular October Board meeting

Thursday, October 29, 2020 | Remote Meeting Via Zoom

I. DISTRICT BUSINESS:

A. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Property Tax Levy

Hearing was called to order at 5:02 pm. Gary Long called the meeting to order. He explained the agenda for the evening. He turned the meeting over to Lee Kerr, Superintendent to explain the tax levy process and opportunity. Gary Long asked for public comment. There was none.

At 5:06pm the tax levy hearing was concluded.

2. Budget

At 5:07 pm the budget hearing was called to order. There was discussion on the budget and changes to the proposed budget. Gary Long asked for public comment and there was none.

At 5:23pm the hearing was closed.

A. At 5:23pm the resolution was read by Rick Reil:

Resolution 2020-4 Adopting District Budget for 2021 and Approving Limit Factor

Moved and seconded. Discussion to adopt changes discussed at the public hearing as part of the proposed budget: All in favor motion carried.

B. Resolution 2020-5 Certifying the Increase in Regular Tax Levy

Lee Kerr read the resolution. Certifying the increase in the regular tax levy. Moved. Seconded. No Discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

II. Regular Board Meeting Business

Called to order at 5:27 pm

Commissioners Present: Gary Long, Wanda Briggs, Mike McWhorter, Rick Reil, Leonard Dreisbach, Steve Blodgett, Marv Kinney

Commissioners Absent: None

Contractors Present: Nathan Burt, Heidi Ellerd, Salem Thompson

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A. Approval of Consent Agenda*

B. Public Comment related to the regular board agenda – there was none

Motion to approve consent agenda, seconded, All in favor, motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Executive Report – Lee Kerr

1. Acceptance of feasibility studies*

Gary Long opened a discussion on the feasibility studies presented to the commission in the board packet.

Each commissioner was offered time to provide comment.

Mike McWhorter: In support of the study. His letter of resignation was read by Gary Long indicated his resignation as of October 31, 2020. Mike will be missed, and he was thanked for his contributions.

Wanda Briggs: In support of the study.

Marv Kinney: In support of the center. Lee provided insight on the funding sources of the center in answer to Marv's questions around the self-sustaining nature of the facility.

Steve Blodgett. In support of the study. Stated he is aware of the broad community support needed to make such an endeavor successful.

Rick Reil: In support of the study.

Len Dreisbach: In support of the study.

2. General update

Reminds the commission that additional fundraising will be required to make a facility successful. Steps are being taken in that direction.

A prelim P&S agreement for the Auburn campus has been received. Lee and Heidi are looking at this agreement.

A service provider to run the facility is the final piece.

Relocation of district office to the Spaulding bldg. A proposed lease has been received.

Ayers property has been conveyed. A few final items remain with the creditor's trust and all things are moving forward positively.

a. Authorization for Superintendent to sign donation agreement from Lourdes – moved to Governance.

B. Committee Reports/Recommendations

1. Finance & Audit – Steve Blodgett, Finance Chair / Nathan Burt

a. September financial statements

General discussion on the statements.

b. Treasurer's Report: Status of Audits –

The final report has not been received on the financial audit.

c. Finance committee – No other comments or reports.

2. Planning Committee – Len Dreisbach and Lee Kerr – No other comments or reports.

3. Adult Day Services – General Update Steve Blodgett / Rick Reil

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4. Governance Committee Updates – Gary Long
 - a. Authorization for Superintendent to sign donation agreement from Lourdes – Motion to authorize Lee Kerr to sign donation agreement on behalf of the District. Seconded. All in favor. No discussion. Motion carried.
 - b. Authorization for Lee Kerr to sign Office Lease with RCCH
Motion to authorize Lee Kerr to sign the Office Lease with RCCH on behalf of the District. Seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. Vacancy on the commission. Discussion on how Mike’s remaining term would be handled. Gary asks the commissioners to please provide any contact information of proposed candidates to Salem for dissemination. The commission has 90 days to appoint, or the county could appoint a person. Any appointee would need to run for election in 2021.
 - d. Resolution 2020-6 A Resolution Appointing the Agent to Receive Claims Against the District – Heidi Ellerd’s office has been identified to be the new claims agent.
Resolution is read by Rick Reil.
Motion to approve resolution. Seconded. No discussion. Motion carried.
 - e. Officer recommendations for 2021 – Gary asks again for officer recommendations to be provided this month for the 2021 year.
5. Public Records Requests and Updates – Heidi Ellerd and Salem Thompson
 - a. Update on email migration plan and SharePoint – All is going on schedule and within budget.

IV. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Each commissioner expressed appreciation in turn to Mike McWhorter. Mike at the end stated his gratitude for the years he has spent in the community and on the board.

A. Upcoming items – None.

V. BOARD MEETINGS/EVENTS/EDUCATION:

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting – Thursday November 19, 2020 @ 5:00p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:26 pm